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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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May 8, 1964

Dear Mr. McCone:

Pursuant to the national security briefing which the President recently had offered to prospective Republican Presidential candidates, Governor Rockefeller has asked that he be briefed May 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and Governor Scranton has requested that he be briefed May 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Both of these requests have been agreed to.

I suggest that we establish a standard format for these briefings as follows: you, or your deputy, would provide an initial intelligence briefing. This would be followed about an hour later by a policy briefing by Secretary McNamara, or his deputy, and Secretary Rusk. It would probably be most convenient for Governors Rockefeller and Scranton and cause least commotion with the press, if the briefings took place in one room. The State Department's Operations Room would probably be the most appropriate.

I have asked Frederick Dutton, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, to coordinate these briefings for the State Department; and I suggest that if you believe any changes should be made in the suggested format, he will make the necessary modifications.

Sincerely,

*George W. Ball*  
George W. Ball  
Acting Secretary

The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

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